



Answer to question:

## PARLIAMENTARY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION

### MIGRATION, PATHWAY TO NATION BUILDING INQUIRY

**QUESTION:** Please provide examples of citizenship tests in other countries

**ANSWER:**

As requested from public hearing on 18 May 2023, a summary of citizenship tests arrangements are provided below in the table. The examples are sourced from countries with a humanitarian intake program, to provide useful comparison with other countries with diverse migration pathways. There are no other examples found of requirements of 100% pass rate on a section of citizenship test. Where noted, pass rates vary between 50-75%. It is common for test exemptions on grounds of physical or mental disability.

Other factors such as limitations on number of attempts and time limits to complete the test varies from country to country.

Information has been sourced from government websites, except for Germany as the German government website was too difficult to negotiate in English.

**TABLE: International Comparison of Citizenship Tests**

Country	Test	Purpose	Reference
Canada	20 questions. Multi choice or true/false 30 minutes time limit (written) or up to 90 mins (oral) English or French written or oral Requires 75% pass If fail first attempt, will be invited to a face to face or videoconference hearing	Test understanding of rights and responsibilities of citizens. Not to assess language	<a href="#">Canadian Government website</a>
United States	10 questions (out of a possible 100 questions). Oral test Requires 60% pass	Test knowledge of civics – history and government	<a href="#">US Government website</a>

Country	Test	Purpose	Reference
	Two attempts possible	Exemption for physical or mental disability	
Denmark	Language test and citizenship test – details unsure	Familiarity with Danish social conditions, culture and history. Test exemption for people with long term disability, including mental health, if you have proof of disability and have attempted the test with practical aids (including “helper”).	<a href="#">Danish Government website</a>
United Kingdom	24 questions 45 minutes to complete the test Requires 75% pass Can resit the test as often as you need to, need to pay fee each time.	“ Life in the UK” is resource material for the test Language assessment exemption for physical or mental conditions	<a href="#">UK Government website</a>
France	Interview – details unsure	Intermediate language skills	<a href="#">French Government Website</a>
Germany	Citizenship test 33 multiple choice questions in 60 mins 50% pass required	German living, society, laws and local questions to the place you live. Intermediate language skills Exemption for people with illness or disability	<a href="#">Germany private migration company website</a>

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